

# Spendedown Bill Evaluation Desk Tool

<p><b>Old Bills</b></p> <p><i>*You must verify that the bill is still the responsibility of the individual before applying it to the spenddown <u>every</u> new spenddown period!</i></p>	<p>Old bills are any unpaid medical, dental and/or remedial care expenses incurred <u>prior</u> to the retroactive period based on an initial application.</p> <p>Expenses incurred <u>prior</u> to a re-application and its retroactive period may also be deducted as old bills provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ They were not incurred during a prior spenddown budget period, in which spenddown eligibility was established, <i>or</i></li> <li>➤ They were incurred during the retroactive period if the individual either did not meet the retroactive spenddown or was not eligible for Medicaid in the retroactive period (for example, due to excess resources), <i>and</i></li> <li>➤ They were not fully deducted from any previous spenddown that was met, <i>and</i></li> <li>➤ They remain the liability of the individual.</li> </ul> <p><b>M1340.600</b></p>
<p><b>Carry-over Expenses</b></p> <p><i>*An old bill can never become a carry-over expense!</i></p>	<p>Carry-over expenses are unpaid medical or remedial care expenses that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Were incurred within a retroactive or prospective budget period in which spenddown eligibility was established,</li> <li>➤ Remain the liability of the individual, <i>and</i></li> <li>➤ Were not fully counted in any previous spenddown that was met.</li> </ul> <p><b>M1340.700</b></p>
<p><b>Current Payments</b></p> <p><i>*Current payments are made on bills that were once old bills or carry-over expenses!</i></p>	<p>Current payments are payments made in the current spenddown budget period on unpaid balances of old bills or carry-over expenses incurred before the current spenddown budget period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Which were not fully used in establishing eligibility in a previous spenddown budget period, <i>and</i></li> <li>➤ When there has been a break in spenddown eligibility.</li> </ul> <p><b>M1340.800</b></p>
<p><b>State or Local Public Programs</b></p> <p><i>*State or local programs are programs that do <u>not</u> have any federal funding or administration!</i></p>	<p>Expenses for incurred medical services received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ For which the applicant is or was legally liable, <i>and</i></li> <li>➤ Which were or will be provided, covered, or paid for by a state or local (or territorial) public program <b>can</b> be deducted from the spenddown even though the applicant does not owe anything for the service.</li> </ul> <p><b>M1340.1100</b></p>
<p><b>Order of Applying Bills</b></p> <p><i>*Prepaid expenses cannot be deducted as the service has not been rendered!</i></p>	<p>Bills should be deducted from a spenddown in chronological order by date of services, then by type or service, and then by type of bill; old bill, carry-over expense, current payments.</p> <p><b>M1340.900</b></p>